

Abstract

The Thesis „Widow in the mystery of the Church” deals with the theme of widowhood. First part of the Thesis introduces its sources, starting with a brief summary of information from the Bible, the Old Testament and the New Testament, continuing with topic-related works of church fathers and closing with an examination of church documents. Two life dispositions, which are recommended to widows, themselves present based on the above mentioned sources. Firstly a new marriage, which is recommended to young women, and secondly this is devoted way of life. Second part of Thesis deals with the fundamental choice a widow has to make and explores widowhood as a life disposition. It looks closely at various stages of said choice and explores various factors, which influence its formation. The Thesis shows, that within the fundamental choice a free decision is always included. Important factors in the decision-making process include interacted helping grace, love and rewards. Among significant aspects of a widow’s inner life are asceticism, sacrifice, chastity and prayer. The Thesis closes with marriage and devotion.